

HOUSE RESOLUTION 304
By Kent

A RESOLUTION to commend Deborah M. Compton for her honorable and astute service to the people of Memphis, Shelby County, and Tennessee as a dedicated and committed community activist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Deborah M. "Debbie" Compton is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career as a highly committed and energetic community activist, Ms. Compton has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Compton has worked with the Maternal League of Memphis since 1999, being named as Conditional Chair of the year for 1999-2000 in recognition of her outstanding service to the League and its activities; serving astutely as Conditional Chair for 2000-2001 and being responsible for the orientation and guidance of new members; serving as White Collection Model Co-Chair for 2001 and 2002, being responsible for receiving and organizing registration for 126 girls and participating in the Maternal League White Collection Fashion Show; serving as President for 2002-2003; serving as Second Vice President in 2003-2004; and serving as the White Collection Chair for 2004 and being responsible for the League's largest fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Compton has been involved with the LeBonheur Club, an organization benefiting LeBonheur Children's Medical Center, since 1999; she served astutely in Open Placement for 1999-2001, as Publicity Co-Chair for 2001-2002, as Publicity Chair for 2002-2003 and Evaluation Co-Chair for 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Compton has also performed valuable services for Les Passees, an organization benefiting the Les Passees Center for Children and Families, since 1998; she has served admirably on the Cabaret Committee in 1999 and in 2003, assisting in the organization's fundraising gala; served on the Program Committee in 2000 and 2001; served as Sponsor Chair for 2002, working to secure large sponsors for the organization's major events; served as Cabaret Escort Chair for 2002; and served as Cabaret Pages Chair in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Compton has been involved with Subsidium, an organization benefiting the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf, since 1997 and was named Volunteer of the Year for 2002. Debbie served with distinction on the Carousel of Shoppes Auction Committee from 1997-2002, as Hospitality Co-Chair for 2000, as Hospitality Chair in 2001, as Parliamentarian and Recording Secretary in 2002, as Carousel of Shoppes Gala Chair in 2003 and 2004, and is the 2004 incoming President of Subsidium and a member of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Oral School for the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, Debbie Compton has performed valuable services as a member of the Board of Directors of Bethany Home, a residential pregnancy program for teenaged mothers in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Compton's remarkable success as a civic leader and volunteer is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Compton is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Debbie Compton is the proud mother of her accomplished daughter, Ashley; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Compton graduated from Hutchinson School in 2002, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, was listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, served in the Youth Legislature, and was a member of the Varsity Swim Team; she is currently a Senior at the University of Tennessee and will graduate in May with a major in Public Relations and Communications. Miss Compton interned with United States

Senator Lamar Alexander during the summer of 2003, is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi business fraternity, and serves as a Peer Mentor; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Compton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of civic service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Deborah M. Compton for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Memphis, Shelby County, and Tennessee as a volunteer community activist and salute her unswerving commitment to helping others with unfailing energy and enthusiasm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.